

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

The Third Mode Melody Thomas Tallis; arr. Martin Shaw
Tune in E Major. George Thalben-Ball
Master Tallis's Testament Herbert Howells
Chanson de Matin Edward Elgar; arr. A. Herbert Brewer

Introit

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” Richard DeLong
*Come, my way, my truth, my life; such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.
Come, my light, my feast, my strength;
such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.
Come, my joy, my love, my heart;
such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.*

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader: *We are not alone: God's love is in us.*
People: **This is the truth.**
Leader: *God knows our hopes, our fears, our questions.*
People: **This is the truth.**
Leader: *God is leading us deep into justice and wonder.*
People: **God is joyfully walking us home.**
Leader: *Let us worship God.*

**Stand as you are able.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 624 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Litany of Confession

Leader: *Glorious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts,
nor are your ways our ways. And yet we long to live in your way.
So God of life, grant us your forgiveness*

People: **for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds,
for our empty speech and the words with which we wounded.**

Leader: *O God of life, grant us your forgiveness*

People: **for our false desires, for our hateful actions,
for our wastefulness and for all we left untended.**

Leader: *O loving Christ, hanged on a tree yet risen in the morning,
scatter the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills;
begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are.*

People: **In you we place our hope, our great hope, our living hope,
this day and evermore. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

**Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism
and renew our trust in you.**

**Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Come Dwell in Solomon’s Walls” Z. Randall Stroope
*When the final timber lay against the measured stones, with the doorposts in their
place overlaid with gold; and then the Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the
house, also the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole. Come dwell in Solomon’s
walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord where the humble bow down, seeking
wisdom and strength, for the Lord dwells within and heals their land. Come dwell
in Solomon’s walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord, where wisdom and
righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God. When the people of this
house kneel and humbly pray, when they turn from dark to light and your will
obey, O Lord of heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house, and heal,
restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 31:1–5, 14–16 Old Testament, page 478

Children age three through grade five are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri.

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sending Forth

Hymn 748 “Go with Us, Lord”

Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.

Scripture Lesson

John 14:1-14 New Testament, page 102

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Hymn 725 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer *(unison)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

“Amen” Orlando Gibbons

Offertory Anthem

“O How Glorious Is the Kingdom” Philip Stopford
*O how glorious is the kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ.
Clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb withersoever he goeth.*

*Presentation of the Offering and Response

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication *(unison)*

God of life, in raising Jesus from the dead,
you triumphed over the power of the grave
and opened the way to your reign of life.
You have called us to bear witness to your good news.
Let the gifts we dedicate, and the lives we lead,
proclaim the glory of the risen Christ,
in whose name we pray.
Alleluia! Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

*Benediction and Response

Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.

Postlude

Tuba Tune in D Major C. S. Lang

Baptism at Fourth Presbyterian Church

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service. In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Being baptized at the 9:30 worship service:

Clark English Champlin, child of Jared and Carley Champlin

Mary Kelly Champlin, child of Jared and Carley Champlin

Hudson-Parker Enzo Colbert,

child of Joffre Colbert and Mary Lenzi-Colbert

Joseph John Coleman, child of Joseph and Elizabeth Coleman

John Robert Fuller, child of Justin and Holly Fuller

Katherine Day Krivoshia, child of Patrick and Sara Krivoshia

Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:

John Michael Enright II, child of John and Sara Enright

Ava Clementine Mills, child of Jonathan and Michele Mills

Ella Louise Gulinson Pettit, child of Shaun Pettit and Amy Gulinson

Scarlett Dane Teborek, child of Mark and Elizabeth Teborek

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Laura Sterkel, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sunday, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need. We also offer a monthly fourth-Friday prayer service in the style of Taizé, which will next be held on Friday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

THE BULLETIN COVER image depicts the Sanctuary ceiling, as photographed from the East Balcony. Visible in this photo are thirteen of the seven-foot-tall carved wooden angels, several of which hold musical instruments evoking Psalm 150. In the lower left and at far right some of the side-aisle painted ceiling arches can be seen. The canvases from one of these arches—the six panels in the arch immediately over the organ case in the South Balcony—were removed in 2015 to create sound openings for the organ chamber. (Those newly cut openings were covered with acoustically transparent reproductions of the original canvases.) The six panels that were removed have been restored and framed and were mounted this week in the Gignilliat Commons.

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